

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Resolutions Adopted on Death of F. C. Blanchard. Committee Recommends A. S. Willard for Vacant Collectorship.

Chairman Joseph Price called the county democratic executive committee together last Friday in special meeting for the purpose of taking action on the death of Tax Collector Frank C. Blanchard, who was the secretary of the committee, and for the purpose of recommending a name to Governor Jennings for appointment as Collector for Mr. Blanchard's unexpired term.

There was quite a full attendance of members, only six or seven of the 25 precincts being unrepresented.

Mr. J. N. Blackwell was made a member of the committee from the 12th precinct to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Blanchard's death. He was also elected secretary.

Dr. G. F. Sprague of Crescent City, tendered his resignation as member of the committee in conformity with the rules of the state primary election law which disqualifies candidates for the legislature for membership on committee. On recommendation of Dr. Sprague, W. A. Russell was placed on the committee from precinct No. 1.

Mr. A. S. Willard, chairman of the board of county commissioners was recommended to the Governor for appointment as Tax Collector for the unexpired term by acclamation, and Mr. Willard in a few graceful remarks thanked the committee for the honor, and stated that he would send in his resignation as County Commissioner.

This left a vacancy on the board of County Commissioners which the committee unanimously asked the Governor to fill by the appointment of Frank J. Fearnside.

On motion of W. M. Williams of San Mateo, a committee of three was appointed by the chairman to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the late F. C. Blanchard. The chair appointed as such committee, Mr. Williams, J. D. Points and Dr. E. S. Crill. The committee submitted the following which were adopted:

An all wise Providence has removed from our midst our friend and associate of many years, and while we bow to the will of him who doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, by this committee, that in the death of F. C. Blanchard, the state has lost an honored citizen, one who has always been faithful and true to every trust, a loyal friend, and a useful member of the committee.

That we extend our warmest sympathy to his aged mother and to the members of his family, and that we shall cherish his memory.

W. M. WILLIAMS,
JOS. D. POINTS,
E. S. CRILL,
Committee.

Good Appointments.

Democrats of the county are with-out exception saying good things of their executive committee for recommending to the governor the names of Augustus S. Willard and Frank J. Fearnside for appointment to the offices of Tax Collector and County Commissioner respectively. The recommendations went in Friday and the appointments were immediately made, that of Mr. Willard for tax collector being made by telegraph in order that he might conduct the tax sales on Monday. Mr. Fearnside's appointment came on Monday.

Both these gentlemen are well known to the people of Putnam county as being among its foremost citizens. Mr. Willard, for the past several years connected with the Kennerly Hardware Company, has been the efficient and business-like chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. He is peculiarly well fitted for the duties of his new position, as he is a thorough accountant and well acquainted with the needs of the work.

Mr. Willard has appointed Miss Minnie Blanchard, sister of the late Tax Collector, as his assistant, and Miss Blanchard has already been installed in the office. The appointment of Miss Blanchard gives great satisfaction to the people generally, as she is well acquainted with the work and has in the past been a great help to her lamented brother.

Mr. Willard is a son-in-law of Congressman Robt. W. Davis.

Mr. Frank J. Fearnside is the well known clothing merchant of this city. He is without doubt one of Palatka most enterprising citizens. He takes an interest in all public improvements. When he espouses a cause in this city it can be said to be more than half won. His name carries weight. The people of Palatka are so well pleased with his selection for the unexpired term that efforts are being made to induce him to become a candidate for the office in the coming primaries, that the board may have the advantage of his business experience. He may consent.

Mr. Willard's announcement will be found in another column.

Teachers Examination.

Palatka had the pleasure of entertaining a large assortment of pretty school teachers last Monday and Tuesday, the occasion being the annual examination of the teachers of the county before the County Superintendent. The examination took place at the high school building. There were two or three men teachers present, but they were scarcely noticed although they were all good fellows.

Recent Realty Transfers.

The month just closed has witnessed several important real estate deals in this city. Ever since the freeze of '95 Palatka property has been at a sort of stand still, but now that the people generally throughout the county are beginning to realize that they are not dependent solely on oranges, that there are other crops like potatoes, etc., that pay fully as well, it is evident that a better feeling is prevailing. Judge Vertrees says that there has been no time since the big freeze when the country people were so well off as now. They all have a little money, and the prosperity of the county is beginning to be felt in the city; "and," said the judge, "you mark my words, in five years time even the once despised high sandy land of Putnam county will have a value for farm purposes that the men of the present day little dream of. The state of Florida is to furnish the cattle ranches of the future. The people are just beginning to find out something about agriculture, and the velvet bean is one thing that has been introduced since the big freeze that is helping to open their eyes."

J. C. Vertrees has sold to Herbert Wilson a lot on the corner of Water and Dodge streets, 100 x 100 feet for \$1,000.

J. C. Blackwell has sold to the Wilson Cypress Company the Underwood property on River street. Consideration not given.

J. C. Vertrees has sold to John T. Dunn two water front lots on River street to W. L. Melon of Pittsburgh, Pa. The lots are each 100 feet front and sold for \$500 each. Mr. Melon will build a fine boat house and landing for the accommodation of a yacht he has now building in Jacksonville.

Mr. Cone the Lemon street grocer has purchased a lot on Kirby street of John A. Crosby.

There have been several other small deals in real estate during the month. The prices realized, while not large, nevertheless show an upward tendency that is the best possible indication of the arrival of better times.

Death of Richard W. Lucas.

Richard W. Lucas, probably one of the best known citizens of Palatka, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary S. Jennings on Fourth street, last Monday morning at 11 o'clock, of consumption, after an illness of some time.

Mr. Lucas was a native of this state, and has spent the greater part of his life in this city, where he has been connected with many business enterprises, among them the Lucas' Line of Ocklawaha river steamers.

He leaves four sisters, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Shelley, Mrs. W. A. Merryday and Miss Kate Lucas of this city, and two brothers, J. E. Lucas of Jacksonville. To these relatives our community extends heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

The funeral services were held from the Catholic church at 8 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Father John O'Brien being the officiating minister. The remains were followed to their last resting place in West View cemetery by a large concourse of relatives and friends, and the interment took place in the family plot.

A Valuable Suggestion.

EDITOR PALATKA NEWS:—Dear Sir: In no country can there be such progress as in one where all its people take an acute interest in public school affairs.

Statistics show that the greater number of men in every phase of life, that take the higher stands, are those who have had an education, even tho it were limited. Theory without practical application is almost useless. To study each different thing in life we must have the proper equipment adequate to assist in the task. Our public school No. 1, in this city, is farther ahead in point of rapid progress and development than most of the schools of the state, all due to the untiring efforts of Prof. I. L. Himes and his assistants. Yet this splendid school has no Physics Laboratory. This is the one thing that the school should have or omit the study of physics. In spite of all endeavors, the study of physics or any of the sciences without the proper apparatus is almost sheer folly; but our teachers are compelled to do this because they have no equipment. To the instructor alone this is due, to say nothing of the loss accruing to the averaged student in the class. Please do all you are to in your splendid paper in urging the authorities and patrons at large to establish a fairly equipped Physical Laboratory in time for the season of 1902-03.

Yours very truly,
A STUDENT '97.

For County Commissioner.

In another column will be found the announcement of Mr. John C. Strickland's candidacy for County Commissioner for district No. 4. Mr. Strickland needs no introduction to the people of Putnam county. He has served on the board and during his term of service made a most acceptable and popular public official. He retired from the board a year ago, and was succeeded by Aaron Varnes, the present incumbent, who is also a candidate to succeed himself. The democratic voters of the county will be called upon to make choice between these gentlemen; as a matter of right and justice the contest should be left to the voters of district No. 4 alone.

About County Politics.

"It is too early in the canvass to make predictions," said a well-known politician from the western part of the county last Monday, "but from what I can learn of the feelings of the people those candidates for the legislature who are advocating a dispensary liquor law are going to get the little end of the vote. I have been sounding the people here in Palatka on the dispensary question and to a man they are against the men who advocate it. They tell me the east side of the river is solid against it, and I know that the majority in west Putnam is against it. I don't see for the life of me where the dispensary men expect to get the vote that they have been blowing so fast and furious about."

"Let me predict. Sprague is going in with a big majority; he can rest easy. The peninsula ought to have a man in the legislature and the doctor is a sure winner. Put that as certain. Now in west Putnam I am picking Wylie, but it may require a second primary to give him the majority. I think, however, that he will win in the first. No, the people of this county are dead set against the dispensary and dispensary candidates."

A Pretty Home Wedding.

Yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Yelvington, of Orange Mills, Mr. James C. Middleton and Miss Florence Yelvington were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. B. L. Honiker.

The wedding march was beautifully rendered on the piano by Mrs. Terrell, and as the young couple stood before the clergyman many fervent prayers were silently offered for their happiness and prosperity through life. Mr. Middleton is a valued attaché of the Florida East Coast Railway. His bride numbers as her friends and admirers all who know her.

After the ceremony the young couple went to Miami on a brief wedding tour. They will make their home in St. Augustine.

River Excursion and Boat Ride.

The Sunday school of the St. James Methodist Episcopal church, South, indulged in its annual boat ride and basket picnic on Tuesday, going on the steamer LaReve to Rolleston. The day was pleasant throughout and the little people had a jolly outing. The older people also got a large amount of pleasure from the day. The steamer left Adams' wharf at 8 o'clock in the morning, giving the picnickers several hours in which to romp among the trees on high banks overlooking the river. Dinner was served from baskets. The party returned about 5 p. m.

Pulled it Back.

At the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday night the prayer for franchise of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., an ordinance for which had been submitted to the council, was withdrawn at the request of the company.

Public sentiment and the sentiment of the council was unanimously hostile to the granting of such a franchise and the company saw it and pulled the request back.

It is understood the company is negotiating to purchase an interest in, or make arrangements with, the local company.

For School Commissioner.

There are few if any men in the county better known or more highly esteemed than the veteran S. E. Timmons, of Putnam Hall, and when his announcement for school commissioner for his district is read, there will come upon all a feeling that he would make an excellent man for the place. Mr. Timmons was in town Monday, and made his decision then, he having been urged to enter the race by a large number of his friends who promise him support.

Bestwick People to Celebrate.

The citizens of Bestwick precinct do not mean to let the campaign pass without getting a little fun out of it, and for this reason have arranged to give a grand basket picnic near that place on Friday of next week, the 13th inst. The invitation to attend is a cordial one, embracing the people of the whole county. A special invitation has been extended to all candidates, and it is thought that most of them will be present. A good time may be expected by all who will attend.

Look Out for the Farmers.

EDITOR PALATKA NEWS:—Will you give me space in your valued paper to say a few words concerning the dispensary bill. Much discussion is going on about it in Florida now. I say support the men who will kill this measure. I know what the dispensary law is. I lived under it eight years. Was born and raised in South Carolina. If that law is passed in Florida what is to be done with the poor farmers who have a few grape vines which they depend upon to bring them in a few dollars in the fall? They would simply have another prop to their support knocked from under them. Many of our farmers make wine and it has helped them to live. It is a home industry, and without home industries in this state what will the people do. It seems as if our overzealous law makers were more than anxious to handicap the poor farmers to whom they have looked to for support. But these misrepresentatives can look out for them this time.

Y. P. GUERRY,
Edgar, Fla., June 8.

City Happenings and Personal Mention.

J. J. Hayman, of Lochloosa, was in town over Sunday.

Dr. G. F. Sprague of Crescent City is in the city this week.

John P. Hancock, of Bogtwick, was in town on Saturday.

Attorney E. Noble Calhoun is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Carlito Canova has accepted a position with F. C. Cochrane.

J. W. Hilliard made a business trip to Hastings on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Tucker of Fruitland were here on Tuesday.

J. E. Lane of Grandin was among the visitors in town last Monday.

Miss Ida Vause, of Johnson, was in the city a few days this week.

L. L. Meggs, a citizen of Orange Springs, spent Sunday in Palatka.

Attorney P. H. Odum is in Jacksonville this week on legal business.

Miss Lorine Ennis is in the city visiting her sister, Miss Alda Ennis.

Mr. I. M. Meyer has an invitation to the coronation of King Edward VII.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Driver of Crescent City were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Neoga, were shoppers in the city last Saturday.

Tax Collector Geo. F. Bullard, of McMeekin, is an official visitor to the city.

J. W. Glisson, a prominent Bestwick citizen, was in town one day last week.

W. A. Livingston returned home Saturday from Charleston and the exposition.

P. C. O'Haver and sister, Miss Mary, of Keuka, were in the city this week.

Mrs. Ida Tatum and children, of Lakeland, are in the city on a visit to relatives.

Miss Nellie Germond, of Edgar, was a pleasant visitor to the city one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Waldron of Welaka were shopping in the city last Wednesday.

J. M. McCoy of the Drayton Island Fish Company, Georgetown, was in the city Saturday.

Miss Jain of Florahome, was a pleasant visitor in the city several days the past week.

A. P. Postell, a prominent merchant of Welaka, was in the city on business Wednesday.

Isaiah Williams, a veteran citizen of Etowah, was transacting business in town last Saturday.

The county commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting at the court house last Tuesday.

The banks were closed on Monday June 10, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, and a legal holiday.

S. S. Green well known citizen of Fruitland was in town Monday talking politics with the people.

The county school board held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, with a full board present.

Dr. B. E. Morgan, former representative in the legislature from Putnam county is in the city today.

Miss Agnes Derby entertained a number of friends at her home on Kirby street last Thursday evening.

Alex. Wattle has severed his connection with H. T. Vatterlin and is now clerking for Ackerman & Stewart.

Chas. Kupperbusch spent Sunday on the beach at Goodall, visiting his family. He returned Monday morning.

Z. Brantley, of Grandin, spent several days in town this week, in attendance upon the teachers' examination.

Jack Meyer, the candy maker for L. A. Smith, has returned from a few weeks visit to his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wm. Ivers returned home last Saturday from a four week's pleasure and business trip to New York and other northern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Miller, former residents of this city but more recently of St. Augustine, were visitors in Palatka Sunday.

The family of Howell A. Davis left Saturday for Daytona, to spend the summer on the beach. Mr. Davis will go over later.

County Commissioner A. Varnes, of Harlem, was in town this week in attendance upon the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The family of Thos. H. Keating left Saturday for Seabreeze, where they will spend the summer on the beach at Mr. Keating's Casino.

Prof. A. L. Price, principal of the Keuka Normal school, Keuka, was in the city several days this week attending the June examination.

A. W. Strange and family left last Saturday for Port Tampa, at which place they will spend a month's vacation on Mr. Strange's orange grove.

Clarence Meyer has returned from Charleston, S. C., in which city he has been visiting relatives and also taking in the sights of the exposition.

John LaFontaine, city editor of the Gainesville Sun, Gainesville, was in the city several days last week. Mr. LaFontaine is well known in Palatka, having been connected in a journalistic capacity with many newspapers of the town.

Miss Pearl Richardson, after a few days pleasantly spent in this city with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Flinn, left Saturday for her home in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Q. Tilghman and the children have gone to the mountain town of Tryon, S. C., where they and the children will spend the heat-est term.

Miss Gelsmer, of Sanford, who has been the guest of Miss Isabella Donnelly for a few weeks past, terminated her visit Sunday, on which evening she left for her home.

The new piazza recently erected in front of J. R. Cone's grocery and the S. E. Bond Co.'s stores on Lemon street, is receiving the finishing touches at the hands of painters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hargrove entertained the ladies whilst club at their hospitable home on the Heights last Monday afternoon. The prize was won by Mrs. Henry S. Wilson.

Mrs. F. A. Werner, of Panasoffkee, spent a few days in the city this week on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. H. Couper. Mrs. Werner will also visit relatives in Brunswick, Ga., before her return home.

Hon. Benj. P. Calhoun returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C., on Tuesday. His son Willie accompanied him and has entered an Annapolis training school to prepare for entrance to the Naval Academy in September.

J. R. Cone has purchased from Mr. Webb, of New York, the residence property at No. 525 Kirby street, and is repairing the house, which will be occupied by his family as soon as finished. Two rooms are to be added to the back part of the dwelling, and the veranda rebuilt and extended from front to rear.

Miss Leone Ennis, sister of Miss Alda Ennis, will leave shortly for DeLand, where she goes to accept a position in the Western Union Telegraph office at that place to succeed Mr. J. H. Causey, resigned. Miss Ennis' friends here will regret to see her leave, but all join in wishing her much success in her new place.

E. W. Clark of San Mateo can generally be relied upon for a good story whether it pertains to fish or watermelons. His latest concerns a big watermelon which he claims to have brought to the city last week from his big watermelon plantation at San Mateo, and which he told his friends at the court house weighed 68 pounds.

Miss Pearl A. Ringham returned home Wednesday from Front Royal, Va., where she has been attending school for the past winter. Miss Pearl received several prizes awarded by the faculty of the school for proficiency in her studies, she having made the remarkable average—of general averages—99 1/2 per cent.

She was accompanied on her return home by Mr. J. G. Robinson and Thos. Ringham.

Hon. S. J. Hilburn left last week for Alvin, Texas, with the purpose of spending two or three weeks with his parents who reside at that place. Soon after leaving here his little daughter was taken ill with fever, and a telegram announcing the fact was awaiting him when he arrived in Texas. He immediately prepared to return and reached home yesterday noon.

Miss Mary Taylor's Sunday school class of St. James Methodist church with quite a number of friends as invited guests, picniced at Silver Lake last Thursday. Two conveyances were required to accommodate the party. The start was made from town at 8 o'clock in the morning and the drive to the lake was a pleasant one. Dinner was served in the customary way, and greatly enjoyed by all. The return trip was made late in the afternoon, and everyone pronounced the outing both beneficial and enjoyable.

The board of fire commissioners met Monday evening at central fire station, Chief Wigg presiding. Roll call with seven members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The secretary was instructed to petition the city council for an appropriation for the annual 4th of July celebration. Foremen of the various companies were instructed to notify their members of a meeting to be held at central station tomorrow (Friday) night, at which time the manner of celebration will be decided by a vote.

Last Friday evening the residents in the eastern part of the city were laboring under the impression that Sousa's famous musical organization had arrived in town, but they were mistaken. It was only the new band recently organized, having a rehearsal at the office of Mr. Kelley on Front street. The air was chock full of harmony, and all who heard it held their breath in perfect amazement. So now music loving citizens will soon have a chance to listen to some high-class "wind-jamming," interspersed with a few of the latest selections of the ragtime variety. The band at present is composed of eight members, all of whom are musicians of experience.

Club Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Summer Entertainment Committee of the Woman's Fortnightly Club at the club rooms, Tuesday, June 10th, at 4:30 p. m.

Books for the Library.

The public library has recently received from Miss MacFragor of this city the following donation of books: A complete set of six volumes of Shakespeare; "Peg Woffington" by Charles Reade; "Cranford" by Mrs. Gaskell.

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